Topic/Lesson	Sturgeon and Classification
Topic/Lesson	Third Grade
Objective(s)	Students will understand that scientists classify animals to make things easier to find, identify, and study.
	• Students will understand that scientific classification groups all things based on certain traits, or characteristics they have in common.
	 Students will be able to classify Atlantic sturgeon into five major groups using their knowledge of classification and sturgeons.
Materials	 mobile guide paper diagram circles & arrows instruction page glue/glue sticks markers scissors pencils/colored pencils/crayons
Vocabulary	 classification herbivore no backbone-invertebrate Animal Kingdom mammals amphibians fish traits carnivore cold blooded warm blooded Plant Kingdom reptiles birds grouping omnivore backbone-vertebrate
Procedure	 Begin class by discussing what it means to "group" things based on a common trait or characteristics and relate to classification. Whole class separates into groups using traits such as eye
	color, favorite food, hair color, gender, favorite sports, etc.
	 Discuss/Recall 5 major classifications;
	1. Animal Kingdom vs. Plant Kingdom
	2. Vertebrate vs. Invertebrate

	3. Warm blooded vs. Cold blooded
	4. Omnivore, herbivore, or carnivore
	5. Fish, Amphibian, Bird, Mammal, or Reptile
	Whole class and teacher complete example of classifying an animal into 5 above classifications on board, discussing traits/characteristics that qualify them into each group.
	Read instructions together and view/discuss example and guideline paper. Teacher models beginning of process.
	Students may use science textbook, or dictionary for assistance if needed.
	• Students complete classification diagram independently (except in cases of peer partnering).
	Teacher assesses progress while walking around room, assisting where necessary.
15	When diagrams are finished teacher can hang them up or create a bulletin board.
Accommodations/ Modifications	 Peer partnering Teacher Modeling Step-by-step written instructions Preferential seating

TRACKING EFFORTS FOR STURGEON

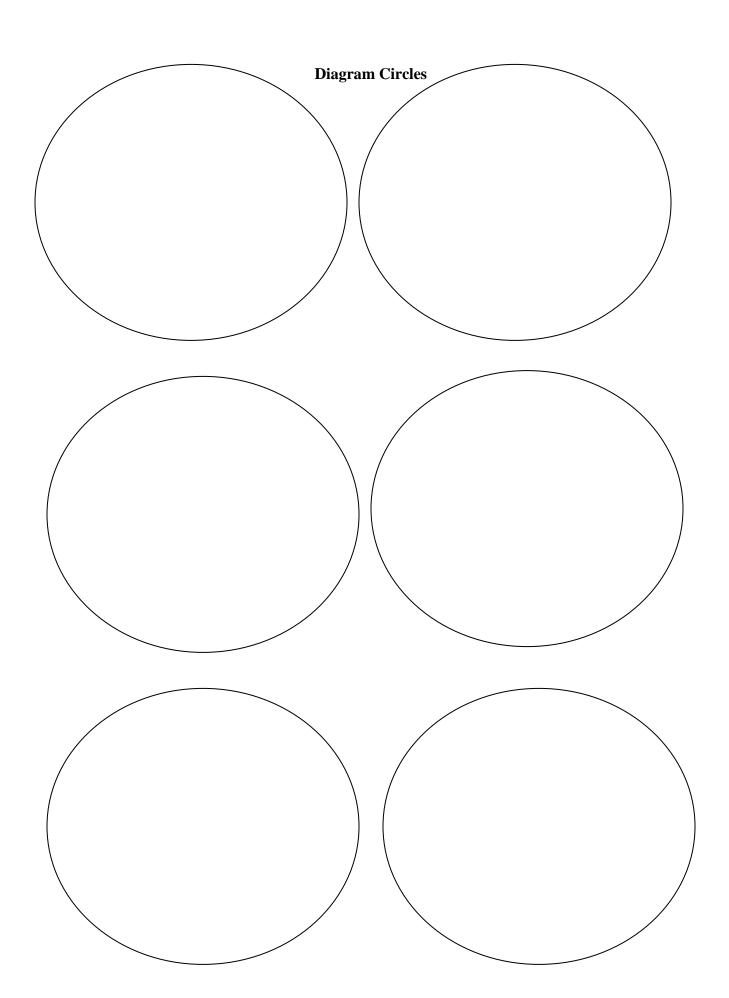
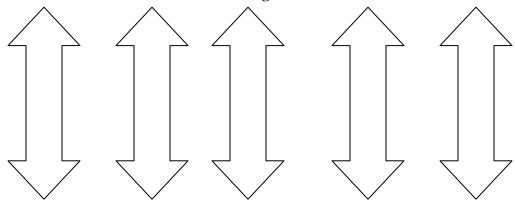




Diagram Arrows



Classification Diagram Instructions

Using your knowledge of Atlantic sturgeon and classification, you will create a vertical diagram. Use the following format and instructions to create your diagram correctly.

- 1. Cut out all six diagram circles.
- 2. Cut out five double ended diagram arrows.
- 3. **Circle One**: Write your name in the lower right section. In the middle of the circle write "Atlantic sturgeon". Write it big enough to see, and write neatly.
- 4. **Circle Two**: Write whether the Atlantic sturgeon is a member of the Animal Kingdom or the Plant Kingdom.
- 5. **Circle Three**: Write whether Atlantic sturgeon are classified into vertebrates (backbones), or invertebrates (no backbone).
- 6. **Circle Four**: Write whether Atlantic sturgeon are warm-blooded or cold-blooded.
- 7. **Circle Five**: Write whether Atlantic sturgeon are classified into being an omnivore, carnivore, or herbivore.
- 8. **Circle Six**: Write whether Atlantic Sturgeon should be classified into the fish, amphibian, bird, mammal, or reptile group.
- 9. You may color or decorate each circle, but make sure that you are still able to CLEARLY read and see what you wrote in each circle. Feel free to draw things that relate to each circle. For example if you decide that the Atlantic sturgeon are herbivores, you could draw a picture of a sturgeon eating some sort of plant or vegetation.
- 10. After decorating each circle and labeling them with the correct classification, you must connect each circle using the arrows. Glue the top and bottom of the arrow and place the correct number circle on top of the arrow.

For example, after you have glue on the top and bottom of one arrow, place the bottom circle one on the top glue section of the arrow and the top of circle two on the bottom of the glue section on the arrow. Keep doing this until all six of the circles are connected. Let the circles and arrows dry before moving or hanging up.

Mobile Guideline/Example

